(b) the nature of amendments proposed by each State;

(c) whether the Government of Goa has proposed any changes; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government to the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Certain Coastal States/Union Territories including Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration, Lakshadweep Administration, Kerala, Gujarat, Maharashtra and West Bengal have sought amendment(s) to the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991 as follows:

State/UT	Amendment(s) sought
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Provision for sand mining in CRZ area
Kerala	Reduction of No Development Zone in CRZ-III area and classification of coastal areas as CRZ-II
Lakshadweep	Reduction of CRZ area
Gujarat	Provision for developmental activities in CRZ-I areas
Maharashtra	Provision for construction with Floor Space Index as on date and development in CRZ-area
West Bengal	Provision for development activities in CRZ-I areas

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Sewri-Nhava sea link

3412. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to reduce congestion on the island city of Mum bai,

the Government of Maharashtra had proposed a sea link connecting Mumbai to the mainland and recommended a Sewri-Nhava Sea-link;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link Project and when the proposal was originally worked,

(c) the stages of approval and clearance gone through, so far, and at what stage the matter stands at present,

(d) the cost escalation, so far, incurred by the project and the revised cost thereof;

(e) the steps, so far, taken towards implementation of the project and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(f) whether it is to be implemented under the BOT System, if so, on what terms and the names of interested parties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link Project will be 22 km long, six lane road bridge (in Phase-I) connecting Sewri in Mumbai to Nhava on mainland. The application for environmental clearance as per prescribed procedure was received in May, 2001.

(c) The Central Government has accorded environmental clearance to the project on 11th March 2005 under the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991.

(d) As reported by Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC) Limited, a State Government of Maharashtra Undertaking, the estimated cost e scalation is 6% per annum and cost at 2004 prices is Rs. 2,700 crores (base cost).

(e) MSRDC has informed that the pre-qualification bids have been invited from the prospective entrepreneur to implement this project. The estimated period for completion of the project is around five years from the date of award of work.

(f) Yes, Sir. MSRDC has stated that the minimum concession period offer received from the bidders would determine the terms. The interested parties who have applied for pre-qualification are (1) China Harbour

Engineering Co., (2) Dywidag-SPCL-Afcons J/V, (3) IIMC Consortium, SKANSKA, (4) infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited, SKIL Infrastructure, (5) Larsen & Toubro Limited and (6) Reliance Energy, Hyundai Engineering Construction Company.

Pollution of Pushkar Pond

†3413. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that millions of pilgrims take holy dip in the 'Sarovar' of 'Tirthraj Pushkar' every year and the water of this 'Sarovar' has become fully polluted and posing greater possibility of multiple diseases to the pilgrims taking holy dip therein;

(b) what Government have received any proposal regarding erection of a water treatment plant at the Sarovar from Government of Rajasthan in order to clean the water; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Pushkar Sarovar at Pushkar in Ajmer District, which is religious significance, is reported to be polluted. The Ministry of Environment and Forests so far has not received any proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan for undertaking pollution abatement measures in Pushkar Sarovar under the National Lake Conservation Plan.

Plantation of mangroves

3414. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified 35 locations in the country for planting mangroves;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme and the locations thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have any scheme for protecting the existing mangroves; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.